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RE: Application No.: 10/680,923 - Filing Date: October 8, 2003
Applicant(s): Peter Bongartz et al.
Group Art Unit: 3679
Examiner: G. Binda
Title: Retainer Ring For Tripod Constant Velocity Joints
Attorney Docket: 46107-0097
Reply To Office Action Dated: November 2, 2004

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- 1) USPTO Transmittal Form (including Certificate of Facsimile Transmission) (1 page);
- 2) Fee Transmittal For FY 2005 (1 page); and
- 3) Response To Restriction Requirement (3 pages).

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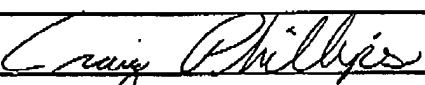
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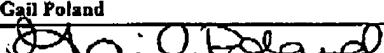
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1002 350	2002 175	Design filing fee			
1003 550	2003 275	Plant filing fee			
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Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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1201 88	2201 44	Independent claims in excess of 3			
1203 300	2203 150	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid			
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1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination		
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1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action		
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month		
1252 430	2252 215	Extension for reply within second month		
1253 980	2253 490	Extension for reply within third month		
1254 1,530	2254 765	Extension for reply within fourth month		
1255 2,080	2255 1,040	Extension for reply within fifth month		
1401 340	2401 170	Notice of Appeal		
1402 340	2402 170	Filing a brief in support of an appeal		
1403 300	2403 150	Request for oral hearing		
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding		
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable		
1453 1,370	2453 685	Petition to revive - unintentional		
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1503 680	2503 330	Plant issue fee		
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner		
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1810 790	2810 395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))		
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2004, for which the one-month shortened statutory period for response expires on December 2, 2004. The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following groups, Group I (Claims 1-6 – drawn to a method of assembling a tripod joint), Group II (Claims 7-11 – drawn to a retaining ring), and Group III (Claims 12-16 - drawn to a constant velocity joint).